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- 1. Travel on the Hungarian railways is controlled by a detachment of the political police. The strength of these detachments is not fixed, but depends on the needs of the moment. Agents of the AVH are posted in the stations and travel on the trains. They watch the travelers, inspect their identity papers, prevent the movement of suspect elements in frontier zones, prevent clandestine flights, prevent acts of sabotage, etc. During November and December 1950 the railway detachments of the political police, already rainforced in August 1950, were considerably increased.
- 2. Since December 1950 surveillance has been particularly severe and continuous along the following lines: from Budapest to Pécs, from Budapest to Nagykanizsa, and from Budapest to Szeged; also on all lines that go from Györ toward the Austrian frontier. On the line from Budapest to Pécs and fifteen agents go with every train. As far as Dombovár they look at travelers papers only occasionally, but starting at Dombovár each traveler has to produce his identity papers and justify his presence in that region. On the line from Budapest to Szeged this same thorough inspection takes place starting at Kiskumfélegyháza. To go through that city a special safe-conduct pass is necessary that will permit entry into the frontier zone. On the line from Budapest to Nagykanizsa inspection is not thorough until Balatonszentgyörgy, but at that city each passenger must justify his trip. Further, Györ is the last city to the west that one can get to without being questioned; from that city inspection becomes very strict. On all these routes it often happens that travelers are detained in the stations and subjected to interrogation, even though they possess the proper safe conducts.
- 3. Surveillance of railway installations themselves and protection of military convoys depends, according to the region, on the "Partisans", on the Hungarian army, or on Soviet troops. The extent of these surveillance and protection measures depends on the importance of the line in question. On certain lines that are important for the transport of war materials, such as that of Zahony, military sentinels keep guard every hundred meters. On other lines only bridges, tunnels, shunting yards, etc., are guarded by small detachments of "Partisans" or soldiers.

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